UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA

AT BECKLEY

STEVEN RANDALL PATRICK,

Petitioner,

v.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 5:23-cv-00234

WARDEN KATINA HECKARD,

Respondent.

<u>ORDER</u>

Pending are Petitioner Steven Randall Patrick's (1) Petition for a Writ of Habeas Corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 [Doc. 1], filed March 27, 2023, and (2) Motion for Summary Judgment [Doc. 12], filed June 15, 2023. This action was previously referred to the Honorable Dwane L. Tinsley, United States Magistrate Judge, for submission of proposed findings and a recommendation ("PF&R"). Magistrate Judge Tinsley filed his PF&R on January 26, 2024. Magistrate Judge Tinsley recommended that the Court deny without prejudice Mr. Patrick's Petition for a Writ of Habeas Corpus and Motion for Summary and dismiss this matter from the docket.

The Court need not review, under a de novo or any other standard, the factual or legal conclusions of the magistrate judge as to those portions of the findings or recommendation to which no objections are addressed. *See Thomas v. Arn*, 474 U.S. 140 (1985); *see also* 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1) ("A judge of the court shall make a de novo determination of those portions of the report or specified proposed findings or recommendations *to which objection is made.*" (emphasis added)). Failure to file timely objections constitutes a waiver of de novo review and the Petitioner's

right to appeal the Court's order. See 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); see also United States v. De Leon-Ramirez, 925 F.3d 177, 181 (4th Cir. 2019) (Parties may not typically "appeal a magistrate judge's findings that were not objected to below, as § 636(b) doesn't require de novo review absent objection."); Snyder v. Ridenour, 889 F.2d 1363, 1366 (4th Cir. 1989). Further, the Court need not conduct de novo review when a party "makes general and conclusory objections that do not direct the Court to a specific error in the magistrate's proposed findings and recommendations." Orpiano v. Johnson, 687 F.2d 44, 47 (4th Cir. 1982). Objections in this case were due on February 12, 2024. No objections were filed.

Accordingly, the Court **ADOPTS** the PF&R, **DENIES WITHOUT PREJUDICE**Mr. Patrick's Petition for a Writ of Habeas Corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 [**Doc. 1**] and Motion for Summary Judgment [**Doc. 12**], and **DISMISSES** this matter.

The Court directs the Clerk to transmit a copy of this Order to any counsel of record and any unrepresented party.

ENTER: February 22, 2024

United States District Judge